



# 1st Armored Division's Iron Brigade in KFOR 2B KOSOVO



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1st Armored Division soldiers and Gen. (Ret.) Frederick Franks, former 1AD commander, survey the Serbian valley of Presevo from Checkpoint Sapper in Kosovo.

**Cover:** Troopers from 3rd Platoon, Co. C, 2-6 IN, patrol the Mucibaba region of Kosovo near Outpost Terminator during the afternoon of Feb. 12. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Pintagro, 13th Public Affairs Detachment) Design by Kerri Schools. **Back Cover:** Design by 1st Armored Division PAO Graphic Artist, Kerri Schools.

### Iron Soldiers!

February was another busy month in Ironland. For starters, we celebrated African-American history. Those of you who attended the lecture series will agree that each speaker provided powerful insights into the civil rights progress in our country. Thanks to all the folks that made this a success both here and in Kosovo.

Welcome back to the 1st Brigade Combat Team and congratulations again on a job well done in Kosovo! I hope that each returning soldier enjoyed the much-needed and well-deserved time to get reacquainted with your families. The 2nd Brigade Combat Team now picks up the torch and continues the excellence established by the Ready First Brigade. Once again, Iron soldiers continue to ensure peace and stability in this region.

We continue to plan for the division headquarters move to its new location in Wiesbaden. As we relocate the division headquarters, it is my priority to ensure as little turbulence to families as possible. We do this by developing a well-synchronized plan; establishing an effective preparation tracking system; maintaining a pro-active command and public information program and establishing feedback mechanisms to stay abreast of your concerns. I invite each of you to read the 1AD website, "Herald Union" and the "Ironside" magazine to keep up with the latest re-stationing news. I have instructed commanders at all levels to capture



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and maintain the small-unit leadership that worked so well during the deployment. We can accomplish this by refocusing our Iron Sergeants' Time training on Thursday mornings. As Command Sgt. Maj. Preston and I go around observing Iron Sergeants' Time, it is impressive to see how well our junior leaders are training their soldiers.

Here, in central region, we are preparing for the Division "Warfighter" exercise. We just finished a Battle Command Training Program seminar where we hosted Gen. (Ret.) Frederick Franks, a former Iron soldier. Gen. (Ret.) Franks, the former VII Corps and 1AD commander, took the opportunity to visit Iron soldiers performing their duties here in central region and in

Kosovo. As with any former commander, he was extremely proud of your accomplishments.

Old Ironsides, with other former VII Corps units, also celebrated the tenth anniversary of Desert Storm/Thunder. Old Ironsides has a rich history and the Desert Storm/Thunder battle streamer serves as a tribute to the great Iron soldiers who helped defeat Iraqi aggression; this was truly one of history's greatest military feats.

I am proud of your accomplishments, both here and in Kosovo. Continue to take care of each other and get better every day!

Iron Soldiers!  
Dignity and Respect!